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For: MUSICAL TONE SIGNAL GENERATION
APPARATUS ACCOMMODATED FOR
MULTIPLE USERS PLAYING MUSIC IN
ENSEMBLE

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

In the Claims

5. (Amended) A musical tone signal generation apparatus accommodated for multiple users to play music in an ensemble, comprising:

a main unit;

a plurality of performance operators, each of which is physically separated from the main unit and is manually operated by each user to issue tone-generation instructions, wherein at least one of the plurality of performance operators is configured as a hold operator

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